

# Industry Circular



## Internal Revenue Service

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Division  
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CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN AND IDENTITY FOR PORTUGUESE "MOSCATEL DE SETUBAL" AND CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN AND IDENTITY AND CERTIFICATES OF AUTHENTICITY OF VINTAGE DATES FOR "PORTO", "Oporto" (PORT WINES FROM PORTUGAL).

Importers, and others concerned:

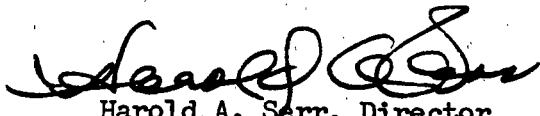
Purpose: The purpose of this circular is to inform importers of "Moscatel De Setubal" and "Porto", "Oporto" (Port) wines that Industry Circular No. 61-24 has been modified.

Background: As the result of recent discussions with representatives of the Portuguese Government, it was brought to our attention that Portuguese law requires dessert wines produced in the Douro Region of Portugal and exported in bottles to be labeled and invoiced as "Porto" or "Oporto". Similarly, the certificates of origin issued by the Instituto Do Vinho Do Porto, which accompany shipments of bottled wine, describe the wines by these names. We understand the designation "Port" is not used.

Incidentally, under the Federal wine labeling regulations (27 CFR 4.24), the names "Porto" and "Oporto", unlike "Port", are names of geographic significance which may be used only to describe wines entitled to such designations under Portuguese law.

Conclusion: In recognition of this, and for the general information of the trade, Industry Circular 61-24 is amended by including the words "Porto" and "Oporto" in parenthesis immediately following the word "Port" in each instance where the word "Port" is shown in Industry Circular 61-24.

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